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SUBJECT: STATUS OF EMBASSY'S CULTURAL EXCHANGE ALLOTMENT

REF CHARD/SWING LETTER, OCTOBER 25; STATE 260711

1. FY-75 FUNDS OBLIGATED AS FOLLOWS: STUDENTS BABAGAMA, KEPA, BAGA \$16,200; EXTENSION OF STAY ENA GRADUATES DEA, N'DOUMBA \$2,122; VOA INTERNEE TOTAMA \$4,730 FOR TOTAL OF \$23,052.

2. REMAINING \$2,948 OF \$26,000 ALLOTMENT WILL GO TOWARDS EXPENSES OF STUDENT ALPHONSE KONGOLO WHO FORESEEN FOR ENGLISH PREPARATORY COUSE AT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY IN JANUARY 1975 AT COST \$6,870 WHICH INCLUDES \$1,870 TRAVEL AND \$5,000 MAINTENANCE AND TUITION COSTS, ACCORDING STATE 260711.

3. THUS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS INTO FY-75, EMBASSY'S ENTIRE CU ALLOTMENT IS EXHAUSTED AND EMBASSY IS \$3,922 IN DEFICIT BASED ON REDUCED ALLOTMENT. THIS MEANS THAT PLANNING BASED ON \$38,000 PROJECTED IN ITS ANNUAL COUNTRY PROGRAM HAS TO BE ABANDONED. IN PARTICULAR NO FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR IVP GRANTS DURING WHOLE FISCAL YEAR. NOT REALIZING WE WERE FACING DRASTIC FUNDS CUT, WE HAD FORMALLY PROPOSED SUCH GRANT ON AUGUST 28, 1974 TO CYRIAQUE SAMBA-PANZA, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DIRECTOR IN MINISTRY OF PLANNING, EMBASSY

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TELEGRAM BANGUI 0953. HE INFORMED US LAST WEEK THAT HE IS

HOPEFUL OF RECEIVING PERMISSION TO MAKE TRIP AROUND FIRST
OF YEAR. SECONDLY, WE HAD HOPED SECURE PARTIAL GRANT FOR
AGRICULTURE MINISTER DA SILVA'S TRAVEL IN US. FINALLY,WE
HAD NOTIFIED GOCAR THAT KONGOLO WOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY
ADMISSION TO ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY. PLEASE LET US KNOW SOONEST
WHETHER SOME MEANS CAN BE FOUND FOR FUNDING THESE THREE PROJECTS
OR WHETHER THEY WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN UP FOR THIS FISCAL YEAR.
WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE TO AVOID
LATTER ALTERNATIVE.DALE

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